

## CLAIMS

I claim:

1. An apparatus comprising:

a basket formed from a portion of a tree so that at least part of the basket retains a natural outer form of the portion of the tree.

2. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein

the natural outer form is the natural outer form of an inner wood section of the portion of the tree; and

wherein the natural outer form of the inner wood section lies directly beneath a bark section, and can be seen by simply peeling off the bark section.

3. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein

the natural outer form is the natural outer form of a bark section of the portion of the tree.

4. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein

the portion of the tree is a portion of a trunk of the tree.

5. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein

the portion of the tree is a portion of a branch of the tree.

6. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein

the basket includes an integral handle.

7. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein

the basket has a bottom, which is formed by cutting.

8. A method comprising

removing a portion of a tree;

forming a basket from the portion of the tree so that the basket retains a natural outer form of the portion of the tree.

9. The method of claim 8 wherein

the natural outer form is the natural outer form of an inner wood section of the portion of the tree; and

wherein the natural outer form of the inner wood section lies directly beneath a bark section, and can be seen by simply peeling off the bark section.

10. The method of claim 8 wherein

the natural outer form is the natural outer form of a bark section of the portion of the tree.

11. The method of claim 8 wherein

the portion of the tree is a portion of a trunk of the tree.

12. The method of claim 8 wherein

the portion of the tree is a portion of a branch of the tree.

13. The method of claim 8 wherein

the basket includes an integral handle.

14. The method of claim 1 wherein

the basket has a bottom, which is formed by cutting.